Claims 24-26 have been added to cover the subject matter not covered in the original Patent No. 5,978,160 as is recited in the inventors' Declarations. A marked-up copy of the added claims reflecting the details of the current amendments through underlining insertions and bracketing deletions is attached.

The amendments to the Face Page of the Patent have been set forth herein to conform to the amendments requesting a Certificate of Correction issued by the Patent Office, a copy of which is attached.

For the above reasons, it is submitted that this Amendment should be entered and made of record in the present re-issue application.

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## 37 CFR §1.121(c)(1)(ii) CLAIM AMENDMENTS - MARKED UP VERSION

## 24. A lens barrel comprising:

a plurality of lenses forming a photographic optical system;

a lens holding frame holding at least one of said lenses, said lens holding frame being movable along an optical axis of said lenses; and

a flare diaphragm formed by a flexible member disposed on one of an optical path of said lenses and in a vicinity thereof such that said flare diaphragm contacts one of said lenses and said lens holding frame so as to be deformed when said lens holding frame is moved in a given direction along the optical axis.

## 25. A lens barrel comprising:

a plurality of lenses forming a photographic optical system;

a lens holding frame holding at lest one of said lenses, said lens holding frame being movable along an optical axis of said lenses; and

a flare diaphragm formed by a flexible member and provided as part of a frame other than said lens holding frame so that said flare diaphragm is disposed on one of an optical path of said lenses and in a vicinity thereof such that said flare diaphragm contacts one of said lenses and said lens holding frame so as to be deformed when said lens holding frame is moved in a given direction along the optical axis.

## 26. A lens barrel comprising:

lenses forming a photographic optical system;

a frame movable along an optical axis of said lenses; and

a flare diaphragm formed by a flexible member disposed on one of an optical path of said lenses and in a vicinity thereof such that said flare diaphragm contacts said frame to be deformed when said frame is moved in a given direction along the optical axis.